

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Reinhard DEUTSCH et al.

Appl. No.: 10/694,791

Confirmation No.: 6085

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR

MAKING AND MANIPULATING

COUPONS IN CIGARETTE PACKING

MACHINES

Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: Sue A. Purvis

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005, the period for responding to which having been extended for three months by the Requests for Extension of Time filed May 3, 2005 and concurrently herewith, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.